

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

'THE LAND LAW ACTS;' 'THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)
ACTS, 1883-1891;' AND 'THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,'

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION

MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts." up to the 31st day of October, 1899; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891." and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th September, 1899,	195,658		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	590		By Chief Commission to 30th September, 1899,	4,518	
		196,158	„ in month of Oct., 1899,	20	4,638
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th Sept., 1899,	10,482				
Do. in month of Oct., 1899,	14				
		10,496	By Sub-Commissions to 30th September, 1899,	167,233	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th Sept., 1899,	30,029		„ in month of Oct., 1899,	311	167,544
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	14				
		30,043	Dismissed—		
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 30th Sept., 1899,	1,368		To 30th September, 1899,	9,115	
„ received in Oct., 1899,	2		In month of October, 1899,	44	9,159
		1,364			
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 30th Sept., 1899,	1,459		Struck out—		
Do. in month of Oct., 1899,	2		To 30th September, 1899,	36,665	
		1,461	In month of October, 1899,	68	36,733
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 30th Sept., 1899,	461		Withdrawn—		
Do. in month of Oct., 1899,	6		To 30th September, 1899,	15,030	
		467	In month of October, 1899,	32	15,062
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1899,	38				
Do. in month of Oct., 1899,	—				
		38			
Total,	—	236,927	Total disposed of	—	233,136

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (B.), page 58.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th Sept, 1899,	45,619	50,142	Rents fixed— By Chief Commissioner to 30th September, 1899,	663	744
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	1,323		" in month of Oct., 1899,	81	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1899,	3,507	3,538	By Sub-Commissioners to 30th September, 1899,	21,023	22,323
Do. in month of Oct., 1899,	31		" in month of Oct., 1899,	1,300	
			Disposed— To 30th September, 1899,	548	567
			In month of October, 1899,	19	
			Struck out— To 30th September, 1899,	4,565	4,737
			In month of October, 1899,	171	
			Withdrawn*— To 30th September, 1899,	774	838
			In month of October, 1899,	64	
Total,	—	53,680	Total disposed of,	—	22,209

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 30th September, 1899,	137,944
Do., do. in month of October, 1899,	231
Total,	138,195

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 30th September, 1899,	18,261
Do., do. in month of October, 1899,	597
Total,	18,858

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices, (e.g. Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 30th September, 1899,	1,800	1,809	Number disposed of to 30th Sept., 1899,	2,646
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	9		" in month of Oct., 1899,	14
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g. Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1899,	43	43		
Do., in month of October, 1899,	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to 30th September, 1899,	1,063	1,063		
Applications in month of Oct., 1899,	—			
Total,	—	2,915	Total disposed of,	2,660

† The first notice of application to the Court, setting up a claim upon the true value of a tenancy, for rent, arrears of rent, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXERCISED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW IRELAND ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 30.

Number of Applications received to 30th February, 1888,*	50	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Sept., 1899,	22	
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899,	30	
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th September, 1899,	3	
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	3
Total,	50	Total disposed of,	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 30th Sept., 1899,	19	Applications granted to 30th September, 1899,	6	
" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	6
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 30th September, 1899,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899,	11	
" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	11
	3	Applications withdrawn to 30th September, 1899,	3	
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	3
Total,	22	Total disposed of,	—	20

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 30th September, 1899,	4,356	Rents fixed to 30th Sept., 1899,	3,931	
" in October, 1899,	—	" in October, 1899,	—	3,931
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 30th Sept., 1899,	405	
		" in October, 1899,	—	405
Total,	4,356	Total disposed of,	—	4,336

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENTS, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 30th Sept., 1899.	49,636	Number heard to 30th Sept., 1899.	24,815	
" in month of October, 1899.	24	" in month of Oct., 1899.	2	24,820
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899.	801	
		" in month of Oct., 1899.	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 30th Sept., 1899.	21,674	
		" in month of Oct., 1899.	2	21,676
		Total Number disposed of.	—	47,297
		Remaining to be disposed of.	—	2,343
Total.	49,660	Total.	—	49,660

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 30th Sept., 1899.	13,052	Number heard to 30th Sept., 1899.	3,592	
" in month of October, 1899.	117	" in month of Oct., 1899.	4	3,596
		Number dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899.	—	
		" in month of Oct., 1899.	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 30th Sept., 1899.	1,823	
		" in month of Oct., 1899.	12	1,835
		Total Number disposed of.	—	5,431
		Remaining to be disposed of.	—	7,738
Total.	13,169	Total.	—	13,169

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

	Number	Amount.
Loans applied for to 30th September, 1899.	29,179	11,452,066
" in month of October, 1899.	—	—
	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused.	3,811	1,459,426
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned to 30th September, 1899.	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned in month of October, 1899.	—	—
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans issued to 30th September, 1899.	25,367	9,992,515
Loans issued in month of October, 1899.	—	—
	25,367	9,992,515

VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891, 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 30th September, 1899,	26,566	7,999,045		£
Less applications since withdrawn,	38	5,457		
	26,528	7,993,588		
Loans applied for in month of October, 1899,	407	92,604	26,935	8,086,192
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 30th Sept., 1899,	491	196,652		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	491	196,652
Loans applied for (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 30th September, 1899,	109	106,594		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	109	106,594
Loans applied for (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 30th Sept., 1899,	14	282,488		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	14	282,488
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1896), to 30th September, 1899,	2,835	749,767		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	2,835	749,767
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st October, 1899,	—	—	30,514	9,421,693
Less applications refused to 31st October, 1899,	992	405,850		
" " in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1896), to 31st October, 1899,	1,077	302,244	2,069	711,124
			28,445	8,710,569
Loans sanctioned to 30th September, 1899,	21,133	6,548,342		
" in month of October, 1899,	189	58,616	21,322	6,606,958
Loans sanctioned (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 30th Sept., 1899,	631	196,652		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	631	196,652
Loans sanctioned (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 30th September, 1899,	109	106,594		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	109	106,594
Loans sanctioned (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 30th Sept., 1899,	14	282,488		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	14	282,488
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1896), to 30th Sept., 1899,	1,758	447,523		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	1,758	447,523
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st October, 1899,	—	—	23,824	7,640,215
Less applications rescinded to the 31st October, 1899,	—	—	54	10,029
			23,770	7,630,186
Loans issued to 30th September, 1899,	17,134	5,367,888		
" in month of October, 1899,	118	23,904	17,249	5,381,792
" (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 30th Sept., 1899,	631	196,652		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	631	196,652
" (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 30th September, 1899,	80	80,269		
" in month of October, 1899,	3	1,900	83	82,169
" (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 30th Sept., 1899,	14	282,488		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	14	282,488
" in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1896), to 30th September, 1899,	1,758	447,523		
" in month of October, 1899,	—	—	1,758	447,523
			19,725	6,590,424

IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 30th September, 1899,	1,431	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 30th September, 1899,	169	
“ in October, 1899,	2	Number received in October, 1899,	—	169
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 30th September, 1899,	1,262	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of October, 1899,	2	1,264
				1,433
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired,	—	7
Total,	1,440	Total,	—	1,440

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 1.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1899.

Summary of Proceedings under the “Land Law Acts” as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of October, 1899.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881,” to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 30th September, 1899,	32,090		Rents fixed to 30th Sept., 1899,	18,169	
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	37		“ in month of October, 1899,	27	
		32,127	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899,	4,080	18,196
Applications by Leaseholders under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,” to have Fair Rents fixed to 30th September, 1899,	4,355		“ in month of October, 1899,	1	4,081
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	5	4,360	Applications withdrawn* to 30th September, 1899,	508	
			“ in month of October, 1899,	1	509
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,” when an election is pending, to 30th Sept., 1899,	2,553		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th September, 1899,	11,941	
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	4	2,557	“ in month of Oct., 1899,	16	11,957
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896,” to 30th September, 1899,	106		Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under “Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896,” transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 30th Sept., 1899,	36	
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	1	109	“ in month of Oct., 1899,	—	38
Total,	—	39,153	Total disposed of,	—	34,781

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may altered where applications to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 30th September, 1899,	5,584	Rents fixed to 30th Sept., 1899,	1,729	1,776
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	54	
Applications received in month of Oct., 1899,	55	Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899,	213	215
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	2	
		Applications withdrawn* to 30th Sept., 1899,	80	83
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	3	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 30th Sept., 1899,	3,507	3,538
		" in month of Oct., 1899,	31	
Total,	5,649	Total disposed of,	—	5,612

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 30th September, 1899,	7,316
Do., do., in month of October, 1899,	4
Total,	7,318

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 49, fixing a Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 30th September, 1899,	116
Do., do., in month of October, 1899,	9
Total,	125

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 30th September, 1899,	340	340
Applications received to 30th September, 1899,	638		" in month of Oct., 1899,	—	
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	—	638	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th Sept., 1899,	42	42
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 53) received to 30th September, 1899,	3		Transferred in month of Oct., 1899,	—	
Applications received in month of October, 1899,	—	3			
Total,	—	641	Total disposed of,	—	388

* The first notice of application to the Court, settling its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 30th Sept., 1899, . . .	—	
		" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899, . . .	6	
		" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 30th September, 1899, . . .	—	
		" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th September, 1899, . . .	—	
		" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	—
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . .	—	6

* The three Listed in the Act including an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 30th September, 1899, . . .	22	Applications granted to 30th Sept., 1899, . . .	3	
" in month of October, 1899, . . .	—	" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 30th Sept., 1899, . . .	4	
		" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 30th Sept., 1899, . . .	1	
		" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 30th September, 1899, . . .	3	
		" in month of Oct., 1899, . . .	—	3
Total, . . .	22	Total disposed of, . . .	—	11

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,
5th December, 1899.

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